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And *this* Deponent saith Jthat the best trade In those places Is of Negroes: the trade whereof he hath used, and hath sold Negroes at the said places; and seen other merchants likewise sell their Negroes there, divers times.

Which Negroes, being carried into the inner and farther parts of the Mainland of Pera<sub>s</sub>, be commonly sold there for 800 and goo *pesos* of 14 *Rials*. [*The inland price of a Negro therefore varied from £280 to £<sup>i</sup>^=about £2,24.0 to £2,480*].

The *Peso* being worth at la Vera Cni£ 13 *Rials* of Plate of the Spanish coin, being 65, 8*d*. sterling: and in other places of Mexico, Peru, and Mainland the said *Peso* Is worth 14 *Rials*, which is 7\$. sterling.

A Fardel of Linen Cloth called *Ordwavdas* or *Preselias*, is worth and commonly sold at la Vera Cruz for 250 *pesos* of 13 *Rials* [*@ 6s. 8d.=about £83*] which is after the rate of 3,250 *Rials* the Fardel,

And the Linen Cloth called *Roanes* is sold there after the rate of 226 *pesos* the Fardel, which is 2,940 *Rials*. For this Deponent hath sold, and seen other merchants sell, divers times, Linen Cloth after that rate at la Vera Cru£ and Mexico.

That a lb. of *Magaritas* [*? Periwinkles; the word also means Pearls*] is worth at la Vera Cruz, 18 and £0 *Rials* [=95. and *IDS.* = £3 12*s.* and £4. *now*] for he hath sold, and seen other merchants so sell, there, commonly after that rate. Notwithstanding he saith that he hath sold a lb. of *Margaritas* at la Vera Cruz for 30 *Rials* and sometime 3 *pesos* (39 *Rials*) [=155. and 195. 6*d*\*=£6 and £7 6*s.* *now*].

That pewter vessel and kerseys called " Hampshire '\* and \*\* Northerns " be commonly worth and sold at la Vera Cruz for the several prices following,

i lb. (being 16 ounces) of Pewter at 4, and sometimes 5 *Rials* [2*S.* and 2*s.* 6*d*L=i6*s.* and £i *now*]\*

The good " Hampshire Kersey," containing commonly 18 *Vares* [*The Vare was 33! English inches. KELLY, idem.,*] which Is about 17 English yards; at 36 ducats [*which is after 2 ducats, or 22 Rials the Vare*]\*